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SUBJECT : KING HUSSEIN'S VISIT TO BAHRAIN

REF : AMMAN 4019 (NOTAL)

1. KING HUSSEIN STOPPED IN BAHRAIN FOR FOUR HOURS JULY 19
AS PART OF HIS SWING THROUGH ARAB CAPITALS TO BRIEF LEADERS
ON JORDAN'S VIEWS OF CURRENT MIDDLE EAST SITUATION. AT
MY REQUEST JORDANIAN AMBASSADOR BRIEFED ME JULY 20 ON
WHAT HE DESCRIBED AS ONE OF KING'S MORE PLEASANT STOPS
SINCE THERE IS NO QUESTION OF OIL-POOR BAHRAIN PROVIDING
ANY MONEY TO JORDAN.

2. ACCORDING TO JORDANIAN AMBASSADOR, KING HUSSEIN MADE
FOLLOWING POINTS TO AMIR:

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-- KING'S MEETING WITH PRESIDENT CARTER WENT WELL AND
KING IS CONVINCED PRESIDENT IS SERIOUS AND COURAGEOUS IN
HIS SEARCH FOR MIDDLE EAST PEACE. AMERICAN IDEAS ON
SHAPE OF SETTLEMENT, HOWEVER, ARE STILL TOO VAGUE.
-- JORDAN WILL GO TO GENEVA BUT IS NOT OPTIMISTIC
ABOUT RESULTS. KING SAID HE FELT FAILURE AT GENEVA
WOULD BE A CATASTROPHE WORSE THAN NOT CONVENING GENEVA

AT ALL THIS YEAR. SADAT IS TOO OPTIMISTIC.

-- JORDAN IS AGREEABLE TO AN ARAB SUMMIT, THOUGH NOT IN LIBYA, AND FAVORS EARLY SUMMIT OF CONFRONTATION STATES.

-- BEGIN GOVERNMENT IS, IN KING'S VIEW, A WAR CABINET. PRESENCE IN IT OF WEIZMAN, SHARON, AND DAYAN WILL TILT BEGIN GOVERNMENT TOWARD PREEMPTION IF ISRAEL IS PRESSED TOWARD "REAL" CONCESSIONS.

-- ARABS ARE WEAKER MILITARILY THAN IN 1973 WHILE ISRAEL IS STRONGER. AMERICA WOULD OPPOSE ISRAELI AGGRESSION POLITICALLY BUT NOT MILITARILY.

-- JORDAN DISAGREES WITH EGYPT ON COMPOSITION OF ARAB PRESENCE AT GENEVA CONFERENCE. SADAT FAVORS SEPARATE EGYPTIAN AND SYRIAN DELEGATIONS, WITH PLO AND JORDAN MAKING UP SINGLE DELEGATION. JORDAN FAVORS SINGLE ARAB DELEGATION, INCLUDING PALESTINIANS, WHICH COULD SEPARATE INTO COMMITTEES WHEN DEALING WITH SPECIFICS OF SETTLEMENT.

-- IN CAIRO, SADAT TOLD HUSSEIN THAT ARAFAT HAD AGREED TO PRE-GENEVA LINK BETWEEN JORDAN AND FUTURE PLO-RULED PALESTINIAN ENTITY. HUSSEIN HEARD EXACTLY THE OPPOSITE FROM ARAFAT, ALSO IN CAIRO, AND IN ANY CASE REJECTED IDEA BECAUSE HE BELIEVES WEST BANKERS MUST EXPRESS THEIR OWN VIEWS OF THEIR FUTURE ONLY AFTER END OF OCCUPATION. AMIR REPORTEDLY AGREED WITH THIS POSITION.

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